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SUBJ: MULTI-REGIONAL RADIO PROJECT: ED BETHEL

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1. ALTHOUGH STILL AWAITING PRO-FORMA AGREEMENT FROM STATION
GENERAL MANAGER (WHO SUFFERED HEART ATTACK OVER HOLIDAYS),
POST STILL WISHES TO NOMINATE MR. EDISON BETHEL, NEWS DIRECTOR
OF RADIO BAHAMAS, FOR MULTI-REGIONAL RADIO PROJECT AT SYRACUSE
UNIVERSITY.

2. BETHEL, WHO IS 35, WAS A TRACK AND FIELD STAR IN HIGH
SCHOOL AND WORKED HIS WAY UP FROM COPY BOY TO SPORTS DIRECTOR
OF ONE OF THE COMMUNITY'S LEADING NEWSPAPERS. JOINING RADIO
BAHAMAS IN 1963, HE WAS THE STATION'S SPORTS VOICE FOR FOUR
YEARS AND HAS PROVIDED LIVE COVERAGE OF MANY INTERNATIONAL
SPORTING EVENTS, INCLUDING BOXING, BASEBALL AND THE MEXICO'S
OLYMPICS. STARTING WITH THE KENNEDY-MACMILLAN-DIEFENBAKER
SUMMIT, BETHEL HAS COVERED MANY HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETINGS
AS WELL AS THE TRAVELS OF THE PRIME MINISTER. AT HOME HE HAS
COVERED PARTY CONVENTIONS AND WAS ANCHORMAN FOR THE 1972
BAHAMIAN ELECTIONS BROADCAST. IN 1973 HE COORDINATED RADIO
BAHAMAS' COVERAGE OF THE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS AND PROVIDED
LIVE COVERAGE FROM NEW YORK OF THE COUNTRY'S ADMISSION TO THE
UN. BORN IN WEST END, GRAND BAHAMA, BETHEL IS MARRIED TO THE
FORMER CHERRY ISAACS. THEY HAVE A BOY AND A GIRL. IN ADDITION
TO HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AS NEWS EDITOR AT RADIO BAHAMAS,
BETHEL MAINTAINS AN INTEREST IN PUBLIC RELATIONS, RED CROSS
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WORK AND WATER SPORTS. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF TWO LOCAL SERVICE

ORGANIZATIONS. ENGLISH, OF COURSE, IS HIS NATIVE LANGUAGE.
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